

FLORAL STREET SCHOOL

Information for Parents & Caretakers

Website and List Serv



December 15, 2003

Dear Parents & Caretakers,

Hopefully some of you had the chance to see the presentation made at last week's School Committee meeting regarding our **school's website**. We have made some great improvements to our site, chief among them being the "**School Happenings**" section. The photographs and articles found there are done entirely by Floral Street third and fourth graders who have volunteered to be part of a Student Website Committee. There are some great pieces there on recent Floral Street events, so please check it out at

<http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/Floral>.

I would like to thank Karen Shea, our technology specialist, for organizing the Student Website Committee and for coordinating the work done on the website. Ms. Shea was recognized for her outstanding work at the School Committee meeting, as were Ms. Fran Wilkinson and Ms. Jayne Roque, two Floral parents who have devoted a great deal of time assisting with the webpage. The praise that Mr. Robert Cornacchioli, our district's Technology Director, gave to them was well deserved.

I would also like to make you aware of a new feature that our school is piloting. We are experimenting with using a **list serv** as a means of providing families with school information via an e-mail from me. If you are interested in subscribing to the Floral list serv, go to our main web page and click next to the mailbox icon. I plan on using this method to provide electronic updates, and I anticipate sending out the first in early January. While for the time being all school communications will also be sent home by paper in the Communication Folders, we will pilot this service to see if we can improve the school to home connection. I will send home my first message in early January, and I will ask for feedback at some point once we've tried it several times.

Thank you for all the support that you continue to provide for our school. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Respectfully,

Joe Sawyer